

# Douglas Employees Receive \$18,000,000 Payroll

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# LIGHT TURNOUT RETURNS THREE INCUMBENTS TO BOARD OFFICES

## Workers Collect Annual Vacation

Local economy received a shot in the arm last week end as Douglas Aircraft Co. handed out an all-time record \$18,000,000 in annual vacation and sick leave paychecks Friday, including \$5,200,000 to 20,300 hourly employees of the El Segundo division.

T. E. Springer, division vice president-general manager, said the payment to his people was in addition to the El Segundo normal weekly payroll of \$2,438,000. This means Douglas workers in this area alone received a grand total of \$7,838,000 on one pay day.

The El Segundo division, largest of five operated by Douglas throughout the United States,

embraces plants in El Segundo and Torrance.

**Torrance Share Told**

Springer said the banner disbursement of sick leave and vacation pay was divided as follows at the two locations:

El Segundo—\$3,339,459 among 12,682 hourly employees for a total weekly payroll of \$4,952,982; Torrance—\$1,849,177 among 7600 hourly employees for a total payroll of \$2,662,992.

Douglas distributes its annual sick leave and vacation pay in a lump sum to some 65,000 hourly employees at the start of each year's vacation period irrespective of whether they have taken time off during the preceding year, Springer said.

**Checks Averaged \$353**

The average hourly employee took home from one to four weeks additional pay yesterday, depending on his individual length of service. In the El Segundo division, Springer disclosed, the average hourly worker's gross paycheck totaled \$353.39.

The vice president also reported that the company's total combined hourly and salary payrolls this week exceeded any in the company's 36-year history, including World War II years of considerably higher numerical employment.

## El Camino Plans Open House for Friday, Sunday

Dr. William H. Harless, director of instruction at El Camino College, has announced that the college will hold its fourth annual open house from 7:10 p.m. next Friday and from 2:5 p.m. Sunday.

Open to the public for the first time as a part of the open house program will be the newly erected art building. Work in water colors, ceramics, oils, life drawing, ceramic sculpture, advertising art and beginning drawing will be displayed in the new campus facility.

Moving in from its classroom area this year, the horticulture department will prepare a display in the Campus Center. Homemaking displays will feature clothing and cooking arts and will be shown in the classrooms.

According to Dr. Harless, "virtually every department will sponsor an exhibit in its own area, including displays in cosmetology, chemistry, physics, radio, photography, and shops."

Buildings which have been added to the campus since the last open house program are the pools, health center, art building, campus theater, and music and theater arts building.

## Resident Pastor Installed At Lutheran Church

First resident pastor, Rev. Lloyd C. Warneke, of Ascension Lutheran Church, 18002 S. Prairie Ave., was installed at a special service last night.

Guest speaker at the installation service was Rev. Luther E. Schwartzkopf, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in San Bernardino. Officiant for the ceremony was Rev. E. W. Dierker, pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Inglewood.

Sunday morning services were highlighted by the first confirmation at Ascension Church, with nine children being recognized for their progress in religious study.

Pastor Warneke is a native of Kansas, born in White City. He graduated from St. John's Lutheran College, Winfield, Kansas, and carried on advanced studies at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.

He served his first charge at Grace Lutheran Church, Franklin, Neb., for three years.

Pastor and Mrs. Warneke, and their sons, Mark and Timothy, arrived in Torrance last week. They are residing at 3834 W. 176th St.

## Scout-A-Scope Sellers Reach Bonus Deadline

Scout-A-Scope ticket sales in the Harbor District of the Los Angeles Area Council are reaching a peak as Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorers make a big push before the bonus deadline today.

The announcement that Fess Parker and the Mouseketeers will appear in the big show, which will be held June 2, at the Coliseum, gave impetus to sales.

Walt Disney, general chairman has declared, "We are moving Disneyland and its spirit to the Coliseum for the big night."

The annual show gives boys of all ages the opportunity to learn to meet people as they sell tickets for the benefit of their units, as a 20 per cent commission is paid on all tickets sold, and if the money is turned in by today, an additional 10 per cent bonus will be paid, besides the earnings the boys are also participating in the show.

This money is used by the unit for anything that their unit committee feels is important, camping outings, equipment or handicraft materials, depending on the age and inclination of the boys.

Scout-A-Scope will be the biggest outdoor spectacle ever produced by the Los Angeles Area Council and will be a show of shows which shouldn't be missed.

**Hubcaps Stolen from Car**

A Long Beach resident told police Thursday that some one took all four hubcaps from his 1956 model car while it was parked behind a local cafe.

Stewart Quirk reported the theft to officers.



**JUDGE MEETS 'JUDGE'** Judge John A. Shidler of South Bay Municipal Court meets another 'judge' on the set of the Bob Cummings television show. The fake judge, wearing the gray hair, mustache and judge's badge, is actually Bob Cummings himself, made up for the part of Dad Collins. Judge Shidler, who is a candidate for County Superior Court, Office 28, stopped by the set to see his wife, Rosemary DeCamp, who plays the part of Bob Cummings' sister in the show.

## I-Man Show Scheduled By College Club

Thursday's 11 a.m. assembly at El Camino College will be a one-man program with Robert Chapline, soprano theater artist, strident, presenting "A Royal Portrait."

In his presentation, Chapline will appear in scenes from Shakespeare's "Hamlet." Recently he has performed on the same stage as the male lead in the college production of "Brigadoon."

Sponsoring the assembly program is the "The Orphans" club. The entire production is staged by Chapline, who will be assisted behind the scenes by Mrs. Betty McBratlie as stage manager, Jack Brandt and Terry Gates, lighting, Julian Schoeller, audio, and Jim Woodin, production supervisor.

## North High Scholarship Winners Told

North High students, Arlene Lesar and Ray Davis are winners of the 1956 Lions Club cash scholarship of \$100 each.

Arlene is the present student body president, while Ray has been active in dramatics.

Judy Okada, first semester senior class president; Jim Bald, football letter winner and varsity club member; and Peter LaRosa, teacher assistant and chairman of activities of the senior class, are competing for a scholarship of \$600 to be awarded a future teacher by the Torrance Teachers' Assn.

Present senior class president, Beth Ladd, won a \$100 National Supply Management Club scholarship award. She will compete with 19 other girls for a regional award of \$500 next Friday.

## Judge Shidler Busy Seeking Court Post

It's just not part of the everyday judicial routine for a judge to visit the set of a top television program—which is why casual observers might have done a double take recently on the set of the Bob Cummings Show.

On the scene were no less than two judges, and both at the same time.

Judge No. 1 (and the only bona fide judge in the place), was Municipal Judge John A. Shidler of the South Bay Municipal Court.

Judge No. 2 (phony as a lead quarter) was Bob Cummings, the versatile actor was made up for the part of Dad Collins, a crotchety old Missouri photographer who, in the TV play, was supposed to be acting as Judge of a beauty contest, wearing a large lapel badge proclaiming his high office.

Judge Shidler and "Judge Cummings" met when the real judge, stopped by to see his wife, pretty Rosemary DeCamp, who portrays the role of Cummings' sister in the show.

**Busy Schedule**

The South Bay judge's busy schedule of talks and appearances in connection with his drive for elevation to Superior Court, Office 28, had taken him into the neighborhood of the production studio and he stole a few moments to watch the show work in progress.

In spite of his regular schedule of court appearances in the South Bay Municipal Court plus his wife's television career, the judge finds time to enjoy his Torrance home and their four lively children.

That schedule is, for the present, a busy one. The judge is seeking to receive an indication of confidence from the county's voters in the primary election June 5, an election in which he faces six "downtown" candidates.

**First From South Bay**

He is hoping to bring recognition to the "fringe" area of Los Angeles by becoming one of the few Superior Court judges to come from outside the downtown area, and to be the first such judge to be chosen from the South Bay area.

Along with 12 years of private practice, the judge will bring experience since 1941 as justice of the peace and various judgeships, including his post in the South Bay Court. He has been jurist there since the court was established in 1953.

## Demos to Open Headquarters Wednesday

Former Congresswoman Helen Gahagan Douglas will officially open new Democratic Party headquarters here at the corner of Caballo and Cravens Wednesday evening at 8, it was announced here yesterday by Thirvin Fleetwood, president of Torrance Democrats, Inc.

Among officials present will be Tom Garvey, secretary of the County Central Committee. The office will be area headquarters for all Democratic candidates, Fleetwood said.

Fleetwood also announced that he had resigned as chairman of the Democrat Club here effective after the primaries. Fleetwood is one of the seven candidates for the seven spots on the County Central Committee.

## Nine Per Cent Vote Recorded

A light turnout of voters Friday returned the three incumbent members of the school board to office by easy margins according to unofficial tabulation of the ballots.

Elected were Mrs. Grace Wright, member of the board since its inception in 1947; Darwin D. Parrish, appointed to the board in 1954 to succeed Carl Steele and Joseph G. Arnold, who was first appointed to the board last year to succeed Dr. Rollin R. Smith.

**Adult Classes To Hold Open House Friday**

Activities of the students in the various adult classes will be on display Friday night when the Torrance Evening High School holds its annual open house.

Designed to meet the needs of the community, the Torrance Adult education program enables adult students to get a high school diploma, make preparation for entrance into college, obtain additional training for up-grading purposes, to improve their employment status, and to broaden leisure time activities.

Vocational needs are met through such classes as wood-working, machine shop, blue print reading, dressmaking, tailoring and millinery. Training for leisure time activities includes ceramics, mosaics, cake baking, decorating, knitting, rug making, personality and appearance classes, landscape gardening, business education, parent education, and lampshade making.

During the open house, classes in woodworking and machine shop will be in operation. The cake baking and decorating class will have displays of various types of cakes decorated for special occasions, in Room 112, Science Building.

All other students of Torrance Evening High School cordially invite the public to attend its open house on the Torrance High School campus, 2200 W. Carson St.

**Man Held On Theft Count**

A 20-year-old Hermosa Beach man was held at Lennox Sheriff's Station and driven to a Saturday morning after a carhop told authorities someone had either stolen or found her wallet and taken an undisclosed amount of cash.

Erna Gentry, 25, of Los Angeles, a carhop, said a drive-in at 3801 Torrance Blvd., told deputies someone got away with the cash. After investigation, authorities arrested Gerald R. Croak, 20, of Hermosa, on the charge.

Deputies said the appearance of money found on Croak matched closely the description of the stolen money. He also was unable to satisfactorily account for how he got the cash, authorities said.

## Shotgun Stolen, Here

Mrs. Paul Thayer, of 2023 Andra, reported to police Thursday the theft of a 12 gauge shotgun from her home. Detectives are investigating the complaint.

## Divers Seeking Sunken Vessels

By ROGER BOEDECKER

Eight Torrance area submarine treasure hunters last week returned from a series of explorative-reconnaissance dives on the Cortes Banks, about 100 miles south and west of Wilmington, where they had gone in search of sunken vessels.

The eight skin divers were led by chief treasure hunter Mel Fisher, 117 Via Pasqual, who has a treasure map showing the approximate locations of a Spanish galleon which flourished on the reef in 1717, carrying \$700,000 in gold and silver, the Stillwell B. Bishop, sunk in 1855 with a cargo of guns, and the SS El Capitan, which went down in 1952 carrying a general cargo.

According to Fisher this first expedition determined the likely area in which the vessels might have gone down, and the type of conditions under which recovery might be made. These activities will be handicapped due to the presence of three and four feet of sea grass covering the reef, and the tremendous swell over the area, increasing the likelihood of such hazards as broken ear drums and air embolism.

Although no treasure was recovered, wreck sighted, the group was encouraged by the presence of large, over 500 lbs., black sea bass, which normally live in sunken wrecks.

Other underwater enthusiasts with Fisher on the expedition were Richard Ormsby, 21144 S. Broadway; Richard Chapman, Torrance; Richard Stoeffel, San Pedro; Charles Valance, Ernest Porter, John Meares, and Ed Henning, Redondo Beach.

Fisher revealed that the group will return to the Banks for further dives and survey sometime in June.



MRS. GRACE WRIGHT ... Re-elected Handily



DARWIN D. PARRISH ... Returned to Board



JOSEPH G. ARNOLD ... Keeps Board Position

## Salute to Students Planned by Council

Flora Montesinos, Adriaan Wilmsen, and Arno Mehling, European students attending Torrance schools, will be honored by the City Council at its 8 p.m. meeting tomorrow when they will be presented resolutions to carry back to their homes when they leave Torrance. A reception will follow at the YWCA Building.

## Cooke Qualifies For CIF Meet

Torrance High's Gary Cooke qualified for further CIF competition as he placed third in his 100-yard dash heat at the Compton meet Saturday afternoon.

Washington Junior High student, Bill Clippner, was the heat winner in 8.9 seconds.

Gill Garcia of North High went out in the class C high jump at 5 feet 2 inches. His previous best mark was 5 feet 10 inches.

Bill Morris, Torrance, High class C shot putter went out at 49 feet, a distance less than his previous best mark of 51 feet 3 inches.

Tartar Myron Smith was on placed in the running of his 440-yard heat.